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Beirut announces withdrawal of Saudi ADF unit

BEIRUT, March 18 (AP) — Saudi Arabia has decided to pull out its 1,365-man contingent from the Arab Detente Force in Lebanon within 48 hours, the Lebanese government announced Sunday.

A government spokesman said a 2,500-man regular force of the newly-regrouped Lebanese Army will take over the Saudi-held positions in Beirut's eastern sector.

The Saudis originally decided to pull the contingent at the outbreak of a border war between South Yemen and North Yemen early this month.

King Khaled approved a delay

Venezuela to raise oil prices April 1

CARACAS, March 18 (R) — Venezuela announced Sunday the price of its crude oil will rise by \$1.72 a barrel on April 1.

The figure is \$1.20 more than the increase decided by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for the second quarter of 1979. Energy and Mines Minister Humberto Calderon Berni told a news conference.

OPEC agreed last December on a staggered 14.5 per cent increase in the price of crude oil over the whole of 1979. But prices have risen much faster since the disruption in Iranian exports caused by the political upheaval there.

Venezuela raised the price of its fuel oil, which accounts for 48 per cent of the country's oil exports, by 15 per cent on March 1.

Calderon also said the new Venezuelan government planned to expand the country's oil production capacity without actually increasing output substantially.

This would permit greater flexibility in production whenever there was an increase in world demand, said the 38-year-old oil expert, who was sworn in as energy minister on Monday when the new Christian Socialist government of President Luis Herr-

of withdrawal in response to pleas by Lebanon.

The Saudis moved into key positions in the eastern sector of the Lebanese capital last October to consolidate a ceasefire between Syrian forces of the deterrent force and Lebanon's right-wing militias.

Rightist spokesmen said all their militias were put on alert Sunday to guard against what they call a possible Syrian attempt to take over the Saudi positions.

The Syrians form the bulk of the 30,000-man Arab League force that polices this country's 27-month-old civil war armistice.



DEPARTURE: Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal is flanked by U.S. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski (left) and Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher and U.S. Ambassador John West as the American delegation leaves Riyadh Airport Sunday. (SPA photo)

Khomeini calls on Iranians to salvage shattered economy

TEHRAN, March 18 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini has called on Iranians to start working to save the nation's bankrupt economy.

Khomeini made the appeal on Thursday in the holy city of Qom to a group of boy scouts and girl guides. His remarks were released for publication Sunday.

It was considered his first major address on the nation's economy, which has been paralyzed by strikes after the revolution which last month overthrew the monarchy of the Shah.

The 78-year-old religious leader said "All people must immediately start working hard, saving the bankrupt economy and rebuild this slum."

His remarks reflected Prime Minister Mehdavi Bazargan's concern over slow response to economic revival efforts and an attempt to get offices and factories operating again.

Khomeini urged young people to help the government build a strong economic infrastructure.

"Our difficulties are big ones. The Islamic government has many problems. You cannot expect the government to solve them all at once. Everyone must cooperate with the Islamic government," Khomeini said.

"Our economic system is bankrupt. We must help the economy in order to achieve a healthy financial status."

Khomeini's appeal closely fol-

lowed Bazargan's desperate call to save the economy, which he says was completely broke three days after Khomeini's supporters took over the country on Feb. 12.

With most offices and factories struggling to get back on their feet, the national production level is nowhere near normal.

In a message to government employees and industrial workers, Bazargan called on them to pay more attention to work regulations and discipline.

Reports from provincial industrial centers indicated that most factories have not resumed work. The reasons range from unwilling workers to lack of raw materials to low market demand.

Factory managers have also complained that some workers

were still holding daily debates on politics and their rights.

The government said that the revolution has so far cost Iran \$20 billion, and the cost may even go higher if the economy isn't revived soon.

The only industry that has shown signs of revival is oil production, which is averaging about 2.5 million barrels a day with exports hitting 1.8 million barrels.

Meanwhile, Iran continued fresh moves toward normalcy and civil order Saturday, banning local Islamic revolutionary committees from entering private homes without special authorization.

The ban was imposed by Gen. Mehdi Hadavi, chief prosecutor of

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Arafat says Jordan visit successful, constructive

AMMAN, March 18 (SPA) — The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Yasser Arafat has said his visit to Jordan Saturday, during which he and King Hussein rejected the U.S.-sponsored peace moves between Egypt and Israel, was a success.

The Palestinian leader said it was a constructive meeting and one held at the appropriate time. In an interview with the Jord-

Sanaa, Aden continue withdrawal

BEIRUT, March 18 (R) — North and South Yemen were reported Sunday to be pulling back their forces to positions held before their three-week border war.

The reported withdrawal appeared to signal an important success for Saudi Arabia and the Arab League who intervened to halt a war which was threatening to increase rivalry of superpowers at the entrance to the Red Sea.

But Western and Arab diplomats in Beirut remained sceptical about prospects for a speedy, lasting settlement between North and South after a decade of bitter political and ideological rivalry.

Reports from Sanaa said Sunday troop withdrawals had begun and military men from both sides met in Aden to discuss a full normalization of the situation on the border.

The Middle East News Agency said the withdrawal started Saturday following an agreement the day before.

The troop withdrawal is due to be completed by next Friday under the supervision of an Arab League military committee made up of officials from Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, the U.A.E., Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

This will be in time for a March 28 summit meeting between Presidents Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen and Abdel-Fattah Ismail of South Yemen aimed at ironing out their problems once and for all.

North Yemeni Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Ali Sheiba left Sanaa Sunday to continue normalization talks in Aden with his South Yemeni

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Saud: Just settlement key to Mideast peace

RIYADH, March 18 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said Sunday that Middle East peace and stability can come only through a comprehensive, just settlement which the Arab and Islamic nations and the Palestinian people desire.

Prince Saud made this statement as President Jimmy Carter's National Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, left Riyadh for Jordan after talks with King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd and Prince Saud.

Brzezinski said his aide to secure Saudi support for the proposed peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. Prince Saud's statement indicated Brzezinski had not succeeded.

The foreign minister said his talks with Brzezinski were frank and were held in the spirit that characterizes relations between the two countries as two friends bound together by deep-rooted and common interests.

Prince Saud said the talks dealt with bilateral relations and the developments of the peace process in the Middle East.

He said that the two sides exchanged their viewpoints on the matter and expressed Saudi appreciation for the U.S. commitment to peace and security in the Middle East region.

Prince Saud added that the two governments agreed to continue their contacts for further discussions of these issues.

Brzezinski was seen off at the airport by Prince Saud, Prince Turki Al-Faisal and Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, deputy foreign minister for political affairs and U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, John West.

A statement issued by the U.S. Embassy in Jeddah after the departure of the mission said: "The people of the U.S. and Saudi Arabia share a deep belief in the importance of religious values and common purpose of strengthening regional stability and international peace."

"The talks have widened understanding of complex and difficult issues. We agreed that we would remain in close contact in connection with the evolving issues in the region," it added.

"There talks have underlined the hope of the U.S. and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East which will respect the rights of all parties," the statement said.

Later in Amman Brzezinski met King Hussein for three hours and handed the monarch a message from President Carter. The message outlined Washington's Middle East position. The King briefed him on Jordan's attitude, the official Jordan News Agency reported.

No details of their talks, held during a working luncheon at the Hasbiniyah Palace, were released.

Jordan's view has been that no lasting peace can be achieved in the Middle East unless Israel first withdraws from all occupied territories and recognizes Palestinian rights.

Brzezinski, who is leading a delegation including Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Gen. David Jones of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and President Carter's son Chip, was flying on to Cairo to report to President Sadat on his talks in Riyadh and Amman.

Meanwhile, Egypt Sunday published the unofficial Arabic version of the proposed peace package with Israel which did not bind the Israelis to any precise date for the start of Palestinian self-rule.

The texts included the treaty

itself as well as explanatory notes, annexes and a side letter dealing with Palestinian self-rule — a major obstacle in the negotiations.

The side letter provides for negotiations on Palestinian autonomy to start one month after the signing of the treaty and to end in one year so that elections can be held as soon as possible after agreement is reached.

The texts, which Egypt said were agreed during President Carter's recent mission to Jerusalem and Cairo, were issued to correspondents on the understanding they were not to be published. But they later appeared in the last editions of all Cairo newspapers.

Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil staunchly defended the package, already approved by the Egyptian and Israeli cabinets.

At a meeting Saturday of the ruling National Democratic Party, he said it was a step towards a comprehensive settlement. He declared the package had preserved rights of Palestinians for full autonomy on the West Bank.

and the Gaza Strip, and did not constitute a separate peace.

The explanatory notes covered articles one, four, five and six of the proposed treaty. There was also an explanatory note to annex one of the treaty which covers military aspects of the pact such as Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

The note to article one dealing with Israeli withdrawal stipulates that Egypt will exercise full sovereignty over Sinai immediately after it is evacuated by Israel.

The explanatory note to article four dealing with security arrangements binds each party to review them when necessary.

Egypt had objected that the treaty set no time limit for a review of security arrangements. But the explanatory note goes little further, merely binding each party to begin discussing a review within three months of a request by either side.

The explanatory note to the military annex — annex one —

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RALLY: Israelis waving a flag and lighting candles packed the Tel Aviv city hall plaza Saturday night to celebrate the peace agreement with Egypt and urge the Knesset to ratify the treaty. (AP Wirephoto)

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Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd Mecca to have sports stadium

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd, head of the General Presidency for Youth Welfare, Sunday signed a SR64.5 million contract for construction of a sporting club in Mecca.

A west Germany company was awarded the contract for the first phase of new facilities for the Al-Nadwa Club, whose soccer team is now lying third in the Premier Division table.

Under the contract, Al-Wefha is to have a 5,000-capacity football stadium. At present, the Mecca club must share the Jeddah stadium with Al-Ahli and Al-Ittihad, the two Premier Division teams in Jeddah. The club will also have a race track.

The prince also awarded an SR2.5 million contract to a firm of consultants to provide management supervision of the one-year construction project.

At awards ceremony Industrial self-sufficiency is vital target, Salman says

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia is moving toward the stage of industrial self-sufficiency, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman said here Saturday evening.

Speaking at the awards ceremony for the King Khaled Model Factory Prize here, Prince Salman said Saudi Arabia "is now proceeding along the path to self-sufficiency."

"Saudi Arabia must have a reliable domestic industrial base," Prince Salman told the audience of prizewinners, government officials and the public. "That will encounter the consumer to move away from imported goods while at the same time meeting the country's requirements."

"Saudi Arabia's real wealth lies in this and in our national manpower, industry and agriculture," Prince Salman said.

The main King Khaled Prize was awarded to the National Automobile Industries (NAI), a Jeddah joint venture for the Khaled cables Irish president

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — King Khaled has cabled his congratulations to President Patrick Hillery of Ireland on St. Patrick's day, the Irish national day.

assembly of trucks between E.A. Juffali Bros. and Mercedes Benz.

The Aluminium Products Co. (ALUPCO), a Dammam aluminum products company opened by the King earlier this year was awarded second prize while the National Bakeries of Al-Khobar took third prize.

Of the 800 plants now operating in Saudi Arabia, 29 entered for the prize.

The prize is awarded annually to encourage high standards in manufacturing industries, which are being established at a considerable rate since the foundation of the Saudi Industrial Development Fund at the beginning of the Second Five-Year Plan in 1975. About 70 per cent of all Saudi industries have been opened in the last four years and licenses for a total of 1,300 by the end of the plan have been issued. These licenses cover SR23 billion in capital investment.

Prince Salman also handed out prizes for maintenance and industrial safety.

The maintenance award, presented by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi and Deputy Minister Ahmad Saleh Al-Tawajjih, Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abi Al-Khalid, Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman and other senior officials and prominent businessmen and industrialists.

Algosaibi meets Barrahi side

Sunday, Dr. Algosaibi met Jamil Al-Alawi, the visiting Barrahi undersecretary for works, electricity and water here. Bilateral cooperation in electricity was discussed during the meeting which was also attended by Youssuf Al-Hammar, deputy minister. Alawi arrived here Saturday on several days' visit to the Kingdom.

The ceremony was attended by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi and Deputy Minister Ahmad Saleh Al-Tawajjih, Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abi Al-Khalid, Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman and other senior officials and prominent businessmen and industrialists.

In the evening, Sheikh Hassan gave a dinner at the International Hotel of the delegations.



MODEL : Prince Salman giving out prizes Saturday to factory owners honored by the King Khaled awards.

Delegation ends tour

KAAU to help Pakistan law scheme

ISLAMABAD, March 18 (SPA) — The acting rector of King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah has stated the commitment of the university to help Pakistan create institutions for drafting new Islamic legislation.

In a statement to the press before leaving for Karachi Saturday evening, Acting Rector Dr. Abdullah Omar Nassif said that the university was ready to assist in the foundation of a Sharia college in Pakistan.

The college will provide a basis for the study of Islamic law and the drafting of Islamic legislation — which the Pakistan government is now trying to enforce, Nassif said.

Law Minister A.K. Brohi expressed Pakistan's appreciation of the Kingdom's quick and helpful attitude to the project. Pakistani, he said has benefited a good deal from the experiences of Dr. Nassif and his delegation. He hoped, the college would be ready by next September after a study of the Saudi delegation's recommendations.

The eight-member Saudi delegation is on a four-day official visit to Pakistan at the invitation of President Zia-Ul-Haq.

It left for home Sunday.

In Jeddah, Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud Ibn Abdul Mohsin opened the university's first international books exhibition Saturday.

The prince urged the organizers to host such exhibitions frequently to boost cultural activity and assist students and scholars.

About 200 publishers from Arab Muslim countries, Britain, West Germany, France, Holland, the United States, India and

Greece are taking part in the exhibition.

The exhibition, which will be open till March 24, consists of specialized works on Arab studies, literature, religious sciences, zoology, technology, medicine, engineering, chemistry, physics, botany, mathematics, management, accounting, architecture, geography and history.

It also displays a number of children's books.

All roads in Saudi Arabia are scheduled to be covered by these telephones, he said.

Riyadh charity receives SR400,000 from donors

Dallah Company representing its monthly contribution and SR 80,000 from Sheikh Abdul Latif Jamil, agent for Toyotacars, as his contribution for four months.

The society thanked the donors and contributors for their generous response.

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — The Philanthropic Society of Riyadh has received a series of donations this month for its work for the poor and prisoners, was announced here Sunday.

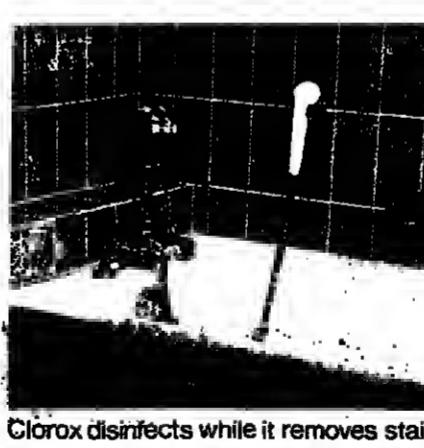
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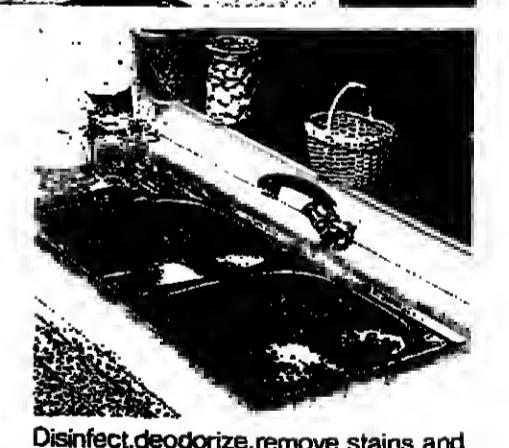
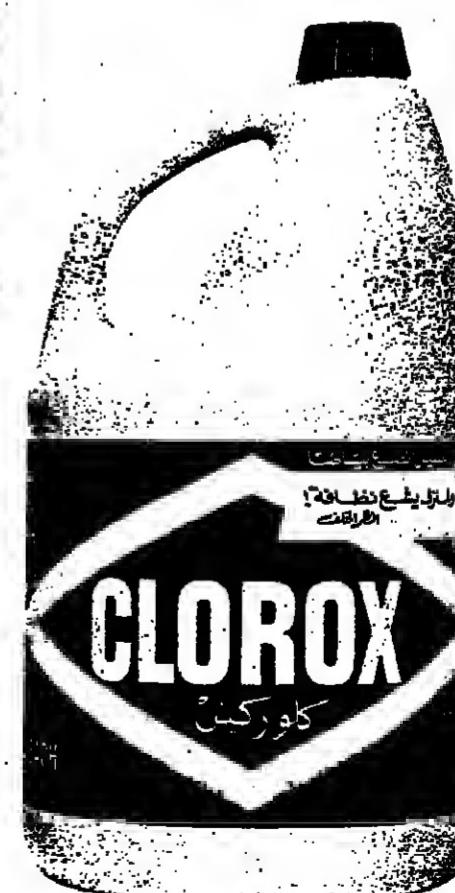
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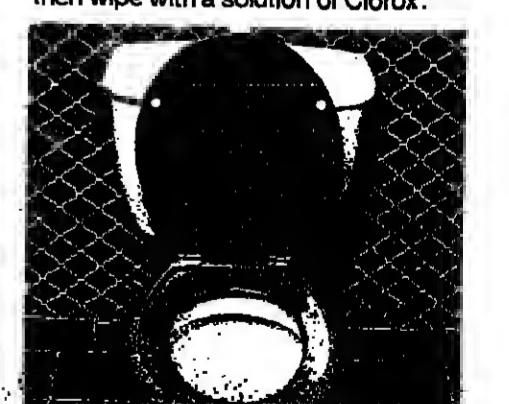
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Riyadh curbs police sirens

RIYADH, March 18 (SPA) — The Traffic Department here has banned the use of sirens and flashing lights by Patrol cars except in emergencies.

A circular to all traffic units said that warning signals should be used only when heading to the scene of an accident and not on the way back or after a mission has been completed.

Sunday's was the second circular on the use of sirens and flashers; numerous complaints from the public and the media.

And in Taif, the Traffic Department is establishing emergency telephones along the heavily used local highways.

Sixteen telephones are expected to be installed along the Taif to Abha road, scene of many accidents, by the end of the month.

A traffic spokesman was quoted by "Al-Medina" newspaper Sunday as saying that the phones are linked to four centers — Taif's accident center, the traffic maintenance center, the police post and the Red Crescent Society headquarters.

All roads in Saudi Arabia are scheduled to be covered by these telephones, he said.

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According to the order, sanitation in the villages of Qudud, Ansak, and Gharwas will come under the direct responsibility of the municipalities.

Majeds will be empowered to contract local companies for the work.

The move is designed to avoid the time and expense of ministry public tenders, the order said.

Jiliwi launches tree campaign

DAMMAM, March 18 (SPA) — Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiliwi Sunday opened a tree-planting week here organized by the province's Youth Welfare Bureau in cooperation with the Education Directorate, the Ministry of Agriculture and Dammam Municipality.

The prince planted the first tree on King Khaled Street here.

Yanbu fishermen get SR4.8m aid

YANBU, March 18 — A total of SR 4.8 million has been paid as subsidies to 480 fishermen here, according to a spokesman for the Agricultural Bank quoted by "Al Madinah" Sunday.

The spokesman added that SR 4.6 million had been earmarked as aid to all fishermen in the towns of Rais, Ummelje, Wejh Dubba, Al-Khreibah and Haql.

Majed devolves cleaning works

DAMMAM, March 18 (SPA) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed has issued an order devolving responsibility for sanitation to local mayors in the Eastern Province.

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Arabic signature

Iran to expel Kate Millett

TEHRAN, March 18 (AP) — American feminist Kate Millett and a female companion were held incommunicado Sunday at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport awaiting deportation on the first available plane Monday morning.

Ms. Millett and Sophie Keir were taken earlier from their downtown hotel to the Foreign Ministry by immigration officials.

"We were held at the Foreign Office for more than an hour and our passports were taken from us," said Ms. Millett, as she and Ms. Keir were hustled into a small room off the departure lounge at the airport.

"We were well treated at the Foreign Ministry but apparently there is no plane until tomorrow and I presume we will have to stay here," she said.

Reporters who attempted to follow her into the room were held back by airport security men.

Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Abbas Amir Entezam three days ago announced that Ms. Millett, who was in Iran to support women's demands for equal rights under a proposed Islamic republic, would be deported for "provocations . . . against the revolution."

The plainclothes immigration officials rapped on the door of the room at the Intercontinental Hotel shared by Ms. Millett and Ms. Keir around 9:30 a.m. When they were admitted,



TEHRAN: American women's rights activist Kate Millett in the Intercontinental Hotel Thursday. Sunday she was taken to Tehran's Mehrabad Airport to be deported. (AP photo).

according to an eyewitness, one of them told Millett, "you must leave Iran at once."

The two women were escorted from the hotel after being given time to pack their bags.

Reporters in the hotel lobby were prevented from speaking to her.

Ms. Millett had participated in several women's rights marches in Tehran earlier this month and dur-

ing a news conference attacked Ayatollah Khomeini.

After the announcement of her impending deportation last week, she was prevented from holding further news conferences at the hotel and generally kept a low profile.

"I haven't been expelled but if I am asked to leave, I will do so," she said Friday during an impromptu press briefing outside

the Intercontinental grounds.

Ms. Millett defended her presence in Iran, seen by some Iranian women as outside interference in Iranian affairs, by saying she was an "internationalist" and a "pacifist" and that her trip was sponsored by several Iranian women's rights movements.

But some women claimed she was also here to collect material for a book and a film.

Jordan sets free 35 Palestinian detainees

AMMAN, March 18 (R) — Jordan has released 35 Palestinian political detainees to mark Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's visit to the country, officials said.

Meanwhile, Court Minister Amer Khammash has left here for the Gulf states of Oman, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar with messages to their leaders from King Hussein, officials said.

The messages dealt with the possible coordination of Arab position in the face of the recent Middle East developments and within the context of Arab solidarity, they added.

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Talks said successful

Tito, Karamanlis ask Balkan peace

SPLIT, Yugoslavia, March 18 (R) — After talks with Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis, President Tito has

called for efforts to preserve peace in the Balkans.

"First of all, we must try to keep this area from turning into a powder keg again, as there are many such powder kegs in the world today," Tito said in a toast Saturday.

Karamanlis answered, "it is our obligation to do whatever we can to preserve peace in the Balkans."

He said there was identity of views in his talks with Tito, and relations between Greece and Yugoslavia were a stabilizing factor in the region.

A joint communique said both sides stressed their determination to encourage inter-Balkan economic and technical cooperation.

Karamanlis is due next month to host Bulgarian President Todor Zhikov, who has not exchanged visits with Tito since the Soviet-led Warsaw pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, which Yugoslavia condemned.

Greece is eager to have friendly ties with its Communist neighbors in view of tension in its relations with Turkey over Cyprus, while Yugoslavia wants peace and stability in the Balkans as a guarantee of its independence.

Bulgaria, Moscow's staunchest ally in Europe, blocked earlier Greek initiatives to convene a second Balkan conference on economic and technical cooperation.

Yugoslavia's relations with Bulgaria are strained, with Belgrade accusing Sofia of harboring claims on its territory.

The communiqué said the Cypriot situation was a threat to peace and stability and called for an early resumption of talks between its Greek and Turkish communities.

Greece and Yugoslavia called for an urgent solution to the Middle East crisis and for general and complete disarmament, both nuclear and conventional.

On their bilateral relations, the two countries stressed the need for periodical consultations on foreign policy and for increased cooperation in industry, energy, irrigation schemes and communications.

Karamanlis left Sunday for Romania.

In a farewell statement he expressed his pleasure over his visit and what he described as "very useful" talks with Tito.

PARIS, March 18 (R) — Half of France was voting Sunday in cantonal elections to choose local leaders in the country's 95 departments, but the vote is seen as a test of the government's popularity.

The elections have aroused little interest among voters and have taken second place behind this week's special session of parliament called to debate rising

unemployment in France.

Prime Minister Raymond Barre's center-right government easily survived two opposition censure motions on its economic policies in the session.

Voters were expected to use the poll to express discontent at streamlining policies which have led to violent social unrest in northern France.

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HELSINKI, March 18 (R) — Opposition Conservatives may make gains in general elections which started Sunday but the center-left coalition government is expected to stay in power.

Opinion polls indicate the Conservatives will gain several seats, making them the second biggest group in Finland's 200-seat Eduskunta (parliament).

Conservative hopes that they might make even bigger inroads have been dampened by recent articles in the Soviet press casting doubts on whether the right-wing parties really want good relations with the Kremlin.

will not be seriously damaged by Conservative advances in the voting, which ends Monday.

More than 3.8 million Finns are entitled to vote for over 1,300 candidates from 12 parties. Most of the gains are expected to go to small conservative opposition groups.

The ruling coalition of Social Democrats, Centerists, Communists and Liberals holds 134 seats

and polls predict the government

electors choose local councillors and village mayors, usually draw a low turnout with around 40 per cent of abstentions. Those elected serve a six-year term.

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Local elections test Schmidt

BONN, March 18 (R) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's liberal coalition governments a stiff test of its public popularity Sunday with regional elections West Berlin and the Rhineland-Palatinate.

Although the elections, for regional parliaments in the areas, will not directly affect Schmidt's government, they being regarded as a political barometer and a test of the center administration's popularity.

Four years ago in West Berlin the opposition Christian Democratic Union (CDU) gained the biggest share of the vote, but Social Democrats (SPD) Schmidt's party — teamed up at national level, with the Free Democratic Party (FDP) — formed a coalition.

National elections are due in months time, and the conservative CDU, which has controlled Rhineland-Palatinate for 30 years, hopes that the appearance of leftist splinter groups in the West Berlin regional election will split the left's vote and allow the CDU a majority.

The SPD has weathered upheavals in West Berlin since last election. SPD Mayor Kurt Schmitz resigned in May 1977 after a series of financial scandals marred his coalition.

CDU candidate Richard Weizsaecker, nominated barely months ago, is expected to maintain his party's position and even extend it, but he will need an absolute majority to unseat Schmitz's successor, Dietrich Stobbe.

The Rhineland-Palatinate ruling CDU State Premier Bernhard Vogel is expected to be returned by the 2.7 million elect rate.

But even if he maintains CDU's absolute majority, Vogel's brother of Social Democratic Justice Minister Hans-Joachim Vogel is unlikely to match the 53.9 per cent of the poll his predecessor Helmut Kohl, the CDU national party leader, won in 1975.



TRASH: A three-quarter mile stream of garbage in Finsbury Park Thursday at an emergency dump used during the garbage collectors' strike. The returning garbage collectors have already started the clearing operation, which has been estimated to take at least two weeks to complete. (AP photo)

Government popularity on balance

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Silkwood lawyers ponder increase of \$11.5m claim

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma, March 18 (AP) — Lawyers for Karen Silkwood's survivors met on Saturday to try and decide whether to amend their damage claim in an \$11.5 million plutonium contamination suit.

The Silkwood estate is suing the Kerr-McGee Corp. Miss Silkwood's employer at the time of her death in a 1974 auto accident. Her survivors claim she was contaminated with plutonium because of company negligence. Kerr-McGee contends she contami-

nated herself, possibly to dramatize her accusations about conditions at the nuclear fuel processing plant where she worked as a lab technician.

The trial, which began March 6, was recessed on Friday for the weekend.

The Silkwood attorneys are considering an attempt to increase their claim for damages by several million dollars. They began discussing the action after trial testimony by two former plutonium plant employees concerning allegedly forged health and safety documents.

Dan Sheehan, chief counsel for the Silkwood estate refused comment on the possibility of amending the damage claim. Bill Paul, who is heading up Kerr-McGee's defense team, said if a motion to amend is filed, he will oppose it.

Ron Hammock, 31, and Randy Snodgrass, 24, were the two witnesses who testified they did not sign the signatures that appear on health and safety documents in their files.

Hammock, who is now a state trooper, and Snodgrass, who now works as a machinist, said they did not receive specialized classroom training on the hazards of radioactivity before going to work as plutonium handlers.

Both also testified about numerous spills and contamination incidents at the plant. Hammock said at the Kerr-McGee's companion uranium plant, workers threw uranium nuclear fuel pellets around playfully.

Three atomic scientists are among the seven Silkwood witness who have testified so far. They said very small amounts of plutonium can cause cancer.



MOTHER AND CHILDREN: Karen Silkwood poses with her children (from left) Beverly, Dawn and Michael. She died in an auto accident in 1974 and her survivors say her employers' negligence caused her to be contaminated by plutonium. (AP photo)

Said sought by deposed premier

Grenada assails massive arms orders

St. GEORGE'S, Grenada, March 18 (AP) — Leaders of the People's Revolutionary Movement of Grenada have said the deposed regime of Premier Sir Eric last Tuesday, had reportedly authorized imports of large quantities of weapons for his defense forces.

Bishop said the amounts were

Re-glued space shuttle may soon get off ground

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., March 18 (AP) — A special test flight was planned for Sunday to determine if the experimental glue used to repair the space shuttle Columbia will hold for the craft's cross-country trip.

The shuttle's two-day flight to its launch site at Cape Canaveral, Florida, on the back of a 747 jet had been scheduled for March 9, but was postponed after some of

the craft's protective tiles crumpled during a brief test flight.

Technicians for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration were scheduled to test the new glue used in the repairs by mounting two panels on another plane for a short flight.

If all goes well, the shuttle itself and its jet ferry will make a 30-minute test flight at about dawn Monday.

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Cyrus Vance
Malpractice suit gains baby girl \$ 30,000 a year

OAKLAND, Calif., March 18 (AP) — A four-year-old girl, born with brain damage her parents say was caused by negligence, will receive a settlement that could cost a hospital as much as \$ 6 million.

The child will be getting \$ 30,000 a year for life. If she reaches 72 the total cost will be \$ 6 million.

The settlement came in a negligence suit filed by Adrienne Olmedo's parents, George and Raquel Olmedo, against the Kaiser Hospital here.

The Olmedos sued after Adrienne was born in the Oakland Hospital Jan. 2, 1975, with severe retardation and cerebral palsy.

The Security Council has declared the elections illegal and accused the transitional government of using them to try to extend minority rule.

Vance assails Rhodesia April 20 election

WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has warned there would be "greater bloodshed and destruction" in Rhodesia unless guerrilla movements and the government agreed to elections supervised by the United Nations.

"As the conflict grows," he said Saturday, "there is also a growing opportunity for Soviet and Cuban influence."

Vance called for all those involved in the Rhodesian conflict to submit to U.N. supervision. An almost identical statement was issued simultaneously in London by British Foreign Secretary David Owen.

Vance also said the United States would not send observers to the April 20 elections called by the transitional government.

"To do so could be to imply official recognition of elections we do not believe can provide a solution to the conflict," Vance said. "The question of Congressionally sponsored observers is a matter for the Congress to decide."

He would prefer that talks on a U.N.-supervised election start before April 20. Failing that, he hoped the principle of U.N. supervision would be accepted by all factions in the dispute before that date.

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Vance declined to answer questions on his prepared statement.

"A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said that as the election approaches there is an increasing awareness it is not going to solve the problem."

While there was no indication that a new appeal for U.N. supervision would be successful, the official said, it was felt a reiteration of the U.S. position would be worthwhile.

In response to a question, he said the patriotic front guerrilla

movements were informed in advance of the statement, but had not reacted.

"We believe that both sides should take a first and significant step: to accept the principle of U.N.-supervised elections in Rhodesia, and to agree to negotiate the conditions for holding such elections," Vance said in his statement.

"The proposals that we and the Chinese have previously put forward convey our view of such a process. But we recognize that

To discuss problem on visit

Bangladesh migration worries Desai

NEW DELHI, March 18 (AP) — Prime Minister Moraji Desai will discuss during his visit to Bangladesh next month the question of continuing mass migrations from that country to India, says a member of Desai's cabinet.

Opposition members of parliament voiced concern on Friday over reports that thousands of tribal refugees from Bangladesh had crossed the border into the states of West Bengal, Meghalaya, Assam and Tripura.

Deputy Home Minister D.L. Mandal told the Upper House (Rajya Sabha) Desai would take it up with President Zia-ur-Rahman. He said India had

reported 4,600 members of the Chakma tribe recently for illegal entry into Mizoram Territory and another 4,000 from Tripura.

"Do you want us to build a Chinese great wall or barbed wire fencing?" Mandal asked a member who suggested that the border between the two countries should be sealed.

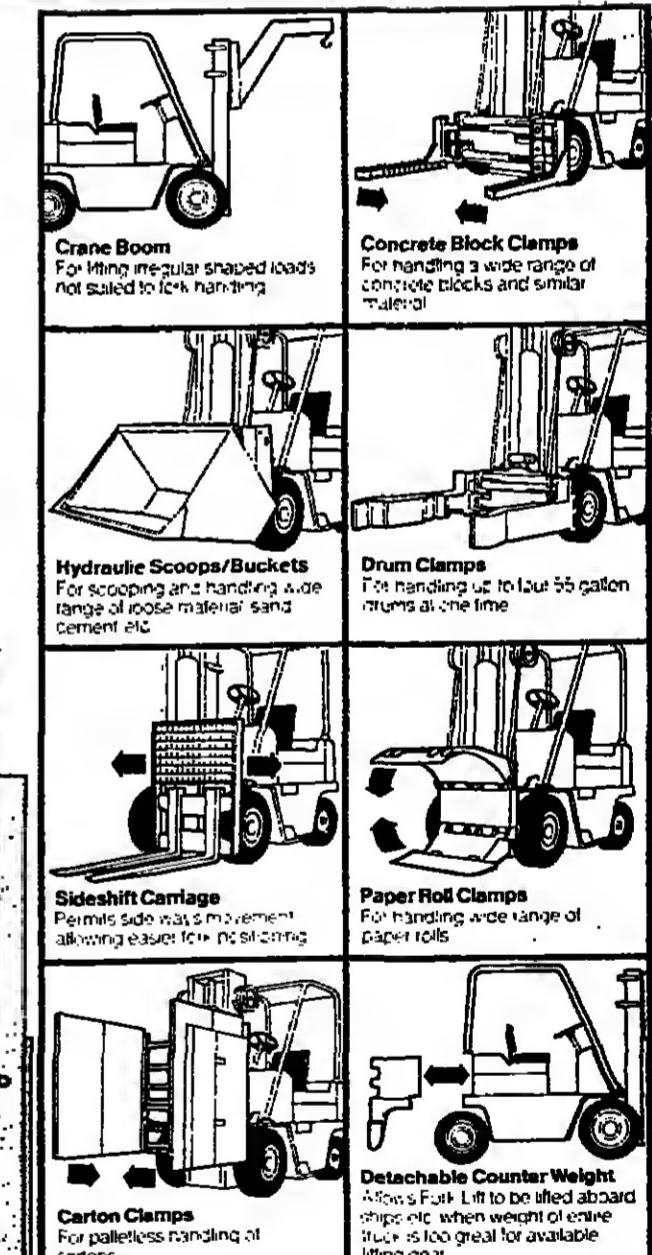
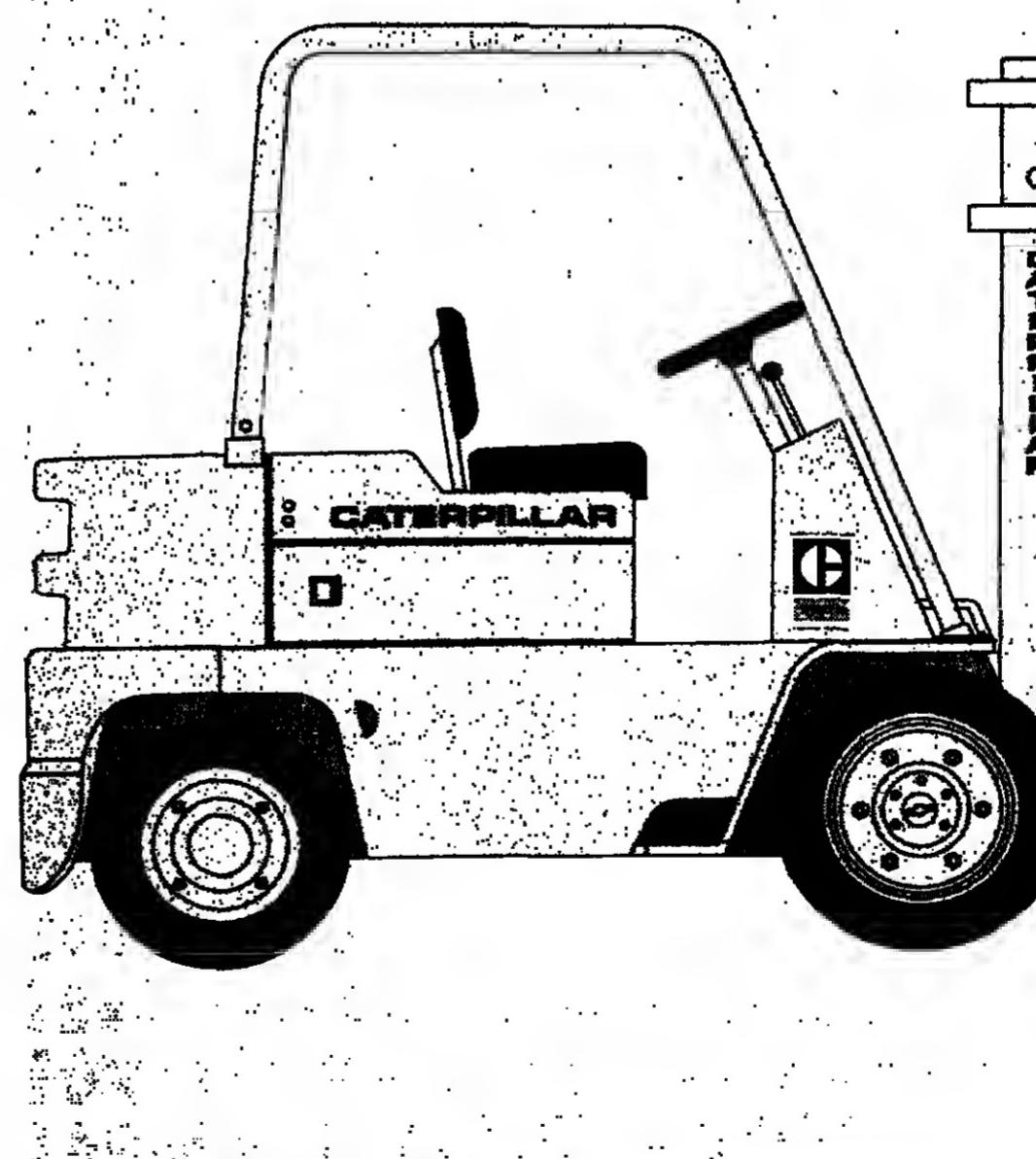
Hilly terrain and thick forests along the border made patrolling by government personnel to check the refugee movement difficult, he said.

In Gauhati, capital of Assam, Chief Minister Gopan Borboron told legislators that the refugees are posing a "security problem."

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LEBANESE UNITY

The withdrawal of the Saudi contingent from the Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon underscores the obligation of the Lebanese government to re-establish its authority in a country that has developed a surprising tolerance for private armies and rampaging armed gangs.

The only ray of hope is the announcement that Lebanese army regulars will be moving into the areas the Saudi force is leaving. There is also talk of deploying the national army in other areas of the country as well.

The government missed a golden opportunity by not striking at dissident factions when the deterrent force first entered the country. For President Sarkis then had a mandate from all Arab leaders to take whatever action necessary to bring the situation under control. The second opportunity was missed when the U.N. force was deployed in the south with international and Arab support.

But all is not lost.

The average Lebanese has reached a state of despair, and is more ready than ever to accept any central authority. It is this very mood that offers the central government the opportunity to get its act together. The desired divorce between the population and the armed factions can only be achieved if the government takes over from them the security and protection of citizens. The absence of such authority, and not political motivation, has led different Lebanese groups, depending on the area they happen to be in, to align themselves with armed factions of every political color.

Bringing the situation back to normal is not an easy affair after the tragic events in the last four years, but every Lebanese citizen, especially politicians, must realize that violence can only lead to more violence, and stubborn demands will be met by stubborn demands. Yet the majority of Lebanese politicians have not abandoned the mentalities that led to the conflict and compounded it.

Until now, the action of the Lebanese government, or more precisely the lack of it, has suggested that the government is there to serve the interests of politicians — not the population. The government must now live up to its commitment to that population, because only then will it have the popular support it so desperately wants and needs.

Even if Lebanon could afford a further spell of discord, the Middle East could pay a high price for this disunity. With the political and military buildup accompanying the U.S. peace initiative, the Middle East is moving quickly toward either peace or war — and a turbulent Lebanon could be used as the spark that triggers off war.

Collective leadership?

By Ajay Bose

NEW DELHI—

The Congress Working Committee decision last week not to unite with the Indira Congress has dealt a serious blow to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's hopes to stall the Special Courts Bill with the help of the Congress members in the upper house of the Indian Parliament where the combined opposition holds a majority.

The bill which seeks to set up special courts to try cases of emergency excesses was passed by a massive majority in the lower house last week but has to still get through the upper house where the Janata Party is in a minority.

In a house of 242 members, the Janata has a strength of 71. Indira Congress 66 and the Congress 46. A combined Congress therefore could be the strongest party in the house and with the help of even a small section of the rest of the opposition could easily scuttle the Special Courts Bill.

With the breakdown of the unity talks between the two factions of the Congress however it is highly unlikely that Mrs. Gandhi would get any support from the Congress against the bill which is now almost sure to be passed by the upper house.

The decision by the Congress Working Committee to stop the unity talks, is also a major victory

for the anti-unity group in the Congress who has been consistently charging Mrs. Gandhi with "dictatorial tendencies." Members of this group had also threatened to leave the Congress if it united with Mrs. Gandhi's party.

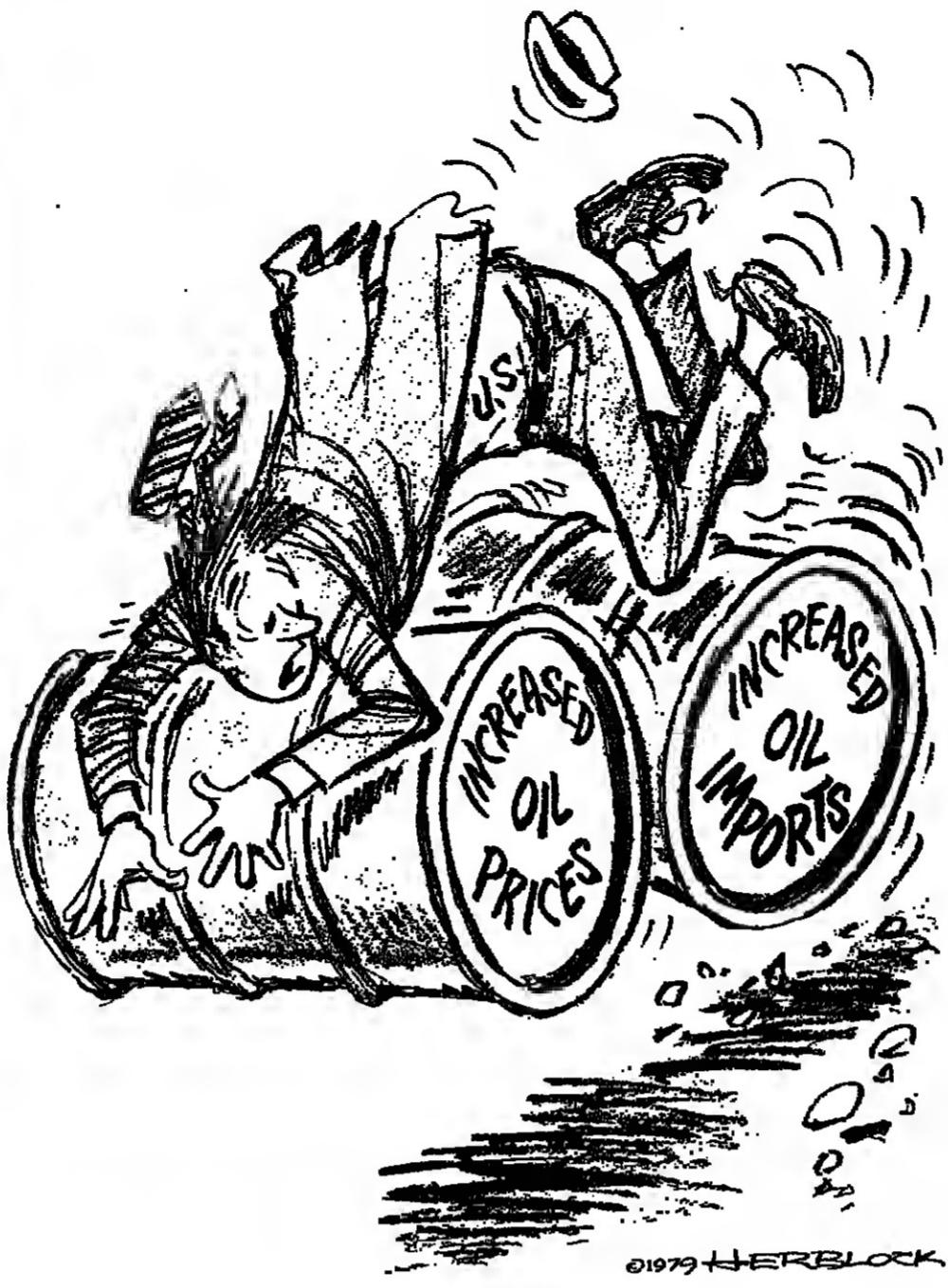
A jubilant Y.B. Chavan, leader of this group, told newsmen last Monday, "The inevitable has happened. Mrs. Gandhi did not want honorable colleagues but prisoners of surrender."

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The Indira Congress has of course condemned the Congress Working Committee decision and accused vested interest inside the Congress of sabotaging the unity talks. In a statement Tuesday, the All India Congress Committee (Indira) said, "it is absolutely unfair to accuse Mrs. Gandhi of trying to wield dictatorial powers over the party. All she wants is collective leadership." (G)

"HOW DID I GET MYSELF OVER TWO BARRELS?"



Oil market uncertainties

By John Berry
And
James Rowe Jr.

In a move that underscores the growing fragmentation and instability in world oil markets, Exxon Corp. announced last week it will gradually end all sales of crude oil to companies not affiliated with Exxon.

Other major oil companies, including Standard Oil of California, once the world's largest seller of crude, also are cutting such sales as demand at their own refineries grows, and more oil production in many nations is owned and sold by national oil companies.

The action by Exxon and other companies means many crude buyers will have to deal directly with a national oil company, such as the National Iranian Oil Co., for crude.

At the moment, NIOC is selling only spot cargoes at prices up to \$20 a barrel. Libya and Iraq have reduced sales under firm contracts at regular OPEC prices so that they can sell their crude in the spot market and make a higher profit.

Exxon said it would not renew current contracts with so-called third-party markets when they expire, except for a six-month period at one-half the volume called for in the old contract.

Hardest hit by Exxon's decision is Japan, which gets about 5 percent of its oil through trading companies that have contracts with Exxon. Last year, Japan consumed about 5 million barrels of oil a day, virtually all of which was imported.

The contracts in Japan begin to

expire at the end of this month. Worldwide, Exxon has between 25 and 30 such contracts covering about 500,000 to 550,000 barrels per day.

"The plain fact of the matter is that we just don't have the oil," an Exxon spokesman said. Even after eliminating all third-party contracts between now and 1982, Exxon still will not have enough crude to cover the needs of its own refineries and those of its affiliates around the world, he said.

Exxon probably was forced to its decision, according to oil industry sources, when British Petroleum canceled a contract to supply Exxon with about 300,000 barrels a day of light oil, mostly from Iran.

Iran, which formerly exported more than 5 million barrels a day, has halted all sales to the consortium of oil companies that used to handle most of the country's exports, and now is selling only on the spot market.

But whatever caused Exxon to move now, the basic situation has been developing for years. Before 1970, the world's seven major oil companies, including Exxon and Socony, produced and marketed almost all of the crude traded on world markets.

Now the companies have lost control of much of the crude just as their own need for it is rising. A Chevron spokesman here said his company's third-party sales have dropped from more than 1.5 million barrels a day in 1976 to 382,000 currently.

"We are honoring all our third-party commitments right

now," the Chevron spokesman said, except for a 3.3 percent cutback that also hits the company's affiliates. But Exxon's action, he added, is "not surprising." He said his company has probably been doing the same thing without explicitly announcing it.

Socony's sharp drop in crude sales over the last three years would seem to bear that out. In Pittsburgh, Gulf Oil Corp. said it had no immediate plans to phase out crude oil sales to non-affiliates. In London, Royal Dutch Shell group refused to comment.

The Exxon announcement came as no surprise to Carter administration energy experts who were aware that the major companies have been getting out of the crude sales business. The step was seen as just one more consequence of the nationalization of oil in many producing nations, particularly in the Middle East.

Another source said the Japanese trading companies would have to find a new contract supplier — probably which is impossible right now — or "buy costly and uncertain supplies on the spot market."

Some of Exxon's contract phase-outs will affect independent refiners in the United States, but the company refused to identify them. Other countries affected include Taiwan, Canada and several nations in Western Europe.

All of Exxon's customers, including affiliates, have had their crude supplies reduced by 10 percent since Dec. 1 as another consequence of the Iranian oil shutdown. (WP)

stop at nothing in the fulfillment of his designs," according to "Al-Nadwa."

This is not surprising because of the proven wisdom of our leadership and our awareness of the significance of events taking place around us. It also shows the determination of the government to build bridges with all our friends and brothers for greater understanding through constant consultation."

In another commentary "Al-Bilad" said the results of "any proposed high level meeting will prove that the Arabs can still unite and reach understanding over the challenges facing them. Such meetings have always been the ideal way to halt further deterioration of the situation."

"Whatever happens, the Israelis will always remain the same old rapacious enemy who will

What is being signed

By Irene Beeson

CAIRO —

"Peace is imminent." "Agreement to Be Signed Within a Week." "Sadat Accepts New Proposals."

Wednesday morning's Cairo headlines were of the calibre that normally inspires millions of Egyptians to parade through the hastily decorated streets, spontaneously to express their joy and gratitude. Wednesday, not only was there not the tiniest little symptom of public rejoicing, but the general reaction was either of indifference or sullenness.

Egyptians apparently don't know whether they are coming or going or, as one remarked, "we've not yet been told how happy we are and to go out and show it."

The most enthusiastic reaction of the many if heard Wednesday was that if real peace came it would be good for Egypt.

The trouble is that nobody has been told what all the headlines are about. The so-called peace negotiations have often been on the verge of immediate conclusion and of imminent breakdown that they cannot decide whether this is merely the continuation of the old scenario. What has President Sadat accepted now? They want to know. Some are even wondering whether he did, in fact accept the new Carter proposals. Why did he not make a statement to that effect. Why did Carter have to tell Egypt that its president had okayed the new proposals?

The fairly widespread initial opposition to the Camp David accords, now considerably swollen by various religious groups, is the only vocal Egyptian on the subject. They had rejected the Camp David accords, they said. They were certainly not going to support new proposals which must involve further Egyptian concessions.

Reports that the treaty would be signed in Washington, Cairo and Jerusalem has shocked many. Why Jerusalem? Why not Tel Aviv? Have Cairo and Washington

ton officially recognized the holy city as the capital of the Jewish state? Many are asking. How would the other Arabs and Muslims react to this?

While the people are trying to puzzle out all these issues, President Sadat has sent Vice-President Hosni Mubarak on a lightning tour of the Sudan, Western and Eastern Europe, to explain the reformulated terms of the treaty. He is also notifying Arab heads of state, except those of the so-called "rejection front," of the new proposals.

Thursday Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil held an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss the new elements of the document. Saturday Sadat briefed the parliamentary group of his own ruling National Democratic Party, which holds more than 300 of the 360 parliamentary seats.

After discussing the matter with scores of Egyptians of various political and religious trends, also many simple citizens without political bias, the impression emerges that there is deep reticence, mistrust and misgivings about this strange pact worked out in distant Camp David, drafted by a foreign president, altered, reformulated, rephrased, and which now appears to have been reduced to a minimum accompanied by a series of explanatory letters. Some are asking, "Why do they not spell out honesty and clearly in the treaty what is being signed in our name?" There is special concern for the Palestine question. For 30 years and up to a few days ago, this was presented as the heart and core of the matter. It is now brushed into the background as an explanatory letter, in which, it now appears only the Gaza Strip is mentioned in ambiguous terms.

The great unformulated question that filters through is whether Egypt really can put its signature to such a document?

The two political parties — the Wafid and the Progressive Unionist — who could express a wide a section of public opinion, — (G)

In search of freedom

By Keyes Beech

SONGHKLA, Thailand —

The usually bountiful fishing catch in the waters off southern Thailand has taken a perceptible drop.

Superstitious Thai fishermen are not going to sea as often because their nets are bringing up too many bodies of drowned Vietnamese refugees.

The same thing is happening off the coast of Malaysia, more so because more escaping Vietnamese head for that country, which is closer to their point of departure.

These grisly stories are a reminder of the frightful hazards faced by the flood of Vietnamese fleeing Communist rule in their native land.

As American source estimates the losses at somewhere from 20 per cent to 50 per cent.

Nobody knows the percentage for sure. The sea does not permit a body count.

But one who accepts the 50 per cent loss figure is T.D.R. Thomson, a bearded Scot who represents a Netherlands-based voluntary refugee agency.

"If you talk to as many boat people as I have, it's easy to accept

that one dies for every one that makes it to safety," he said.

About 140,000 Vietnamese have made good their escape since the government of South Vietnam fell in 1975, not including the thousands who were evacuated by the United States in the final days.

"If my estimate is correct, that means 140,000 Vietnamese have died trying to escape in the past four years," Thomson said. "Of the 140,000 who escaped, approximately 74,000 have come out in the past seven months."

"There are no more than 10 years of war."

But Thomson added, "let's assume that I'm only half right. That's still quite a few people, isn't it?"

The boat people know the risks.

Word of the risks gets back to Vietnam via the grapevine, and yet they come in every increasing numbers.

Why?

After talking to scores of refugees, Thomson has reduced the answer to this: "You do not

know the value of freedom until you lose it. Having lost it, life has no more value, death has no more meaning.

The ever-pragmatic Vietnamese have less romantic answers. Although individual cases differ, their reasons for leaving add up to the same thing: Life under Communist rule is intolerable.

"I think there are many reasons," said Tran Thuc Hue, 22, who is fluent in both English and French. "In my case the Communists were simply wasting my time. I am a high-school graduate and I want to go to college. The Communists wanted me to become a farmer."

Barely 5 feet tall, she is an ethnic Chinese like so many of the recently arrived boat people among the 2,500 housed at a refugee center here.

What drove Miss Hue and her family to escape was a Communist decree in March, 1978, ordering them to leave Ho Chi Minh City for "new economic zones" a euphemism for Communists to admit the new economic zones had been a failure.

That decree was like a death sentence for South Vietnam's former urban middle class.

said, "that Sultan Abdul Hamid, the last sultan in Turkey who refused a request by the Zionist leader Theodore Herzl to set up a Jewish state in Palestine or even part of it."

Turkey is forced to take a stand similar to that of Iran," the paper added. "It should expel all Israeli agents and close the Israeli embassy in Ankara."

maintains diplomatic relations with the enemy while Greece does not."

Greece, although a non-Muslim country has refrained from recognizing the Zionist entity while Turkey, the largest Muslim country in the region has not only diplomatic relations but cultural and

Dollar test for EMS

By WILLIAM KEEGAN

"Who would ever want to swap gold for an SDR?"

WASHINGTON — The inauguration of the European Monetary System this week is a small but historic step in the gradual shedding by the United States of its long hegemonic role in world economic affairs.

It was poignant that the decisive meeting of EEC finance ministers and central bank governors on the EMS should have taken place here in Washington on the day the U.S. agreed with other International Monetary Fund members to support another proposal with long-term implications for the dollar's role: namely work on the scheme to allow countries to deposit dollar holdings at the Fund in return for claims denominated in Special Drawing Rights.

The SDR is a reserve unit whose value is an average of the leading currencies of the world, weighted according to their importance in trade. The architects of the EMS ultimately want the European Community to have its reserve unit — the EUC (European Currency Unit).

Despite theoretical arguments about their attractions, the actual proportion of SDRs to gold and reserve currencies such as the dollar is微小. Even finance ministers involved in the great evolutionary work can be heard to mutter,

Reminiscences of an artist

By Edward Biberman

LOS ANGELES — Fifty years ago this month in Paris, I was having my first one-man exhibition, at the Galerie Zak. The German painter, Max Dungert, was in Paris visiting mutual friends of ours. After seeing my show, he suggested that, before returning to the United States, I exhibit my work in Berlin. I was 24 at the time. When I told Dungert that I had no contacts in that city, he graciously volunteered to make arrangements for me. Very soon I found myself making plans to ship my work to the Neue Kunsthandschaffung Gallery, on the Lietzowstrasse in Berlin, owned and run by a man named Herr Margules.

A few nights later, over coffee at the Cafe Dome in Paris, I told my friend Sandy (Alexander) Calder of this turn of events, and was delighted to learn that he was scheduled to have a show at Berlin's Neumann-Nierendorf Gallery at approximately the same time as my own exhibition. At that time Calder was doing wire sculpture. (His famous "Mobiles" were not to come for several more

and the dollar respond favorably to the support operation last November. Indeed, there has been a recovery in the dollar, but one which still leaves a significant gain in U.S. trade competitiveness. This has occurred in spite of all the bad news from Iran, and the recrudescence of doubt about President Carter's leadership.

Suddenly, however, the economic atmosphere shows signs of turning sour. Although most analysts are agreed that the economy is heading for a slowdown and possibly recession, the interval between cause and effect is so long that it has not happened yet. Indeed, the boom goes on, with consumers spending and getting into debt as if there were no tomorrow, the savings ratio at an all-time low, and employment still rising.

The U.S. economy will almost certainly slow down shortly, not just because of the combined thrust of monetary and fiscal policy, but also from sheer exhaustion.

Apart from renewed concern about the country's appetite for oil, however, and assuming the balance of payments position improves as expected, the immediate problem is the inflationary legacy of the boom. The monthly price indices are now running at annual rates of well over 10 per cent and official internal forecasts

for the year are being revised upwards from the presidential target of 7.4 per cent to more than 8.5 per cent.

Even without the effects of the new oil price explosion, the administration knows it is in for a delicate period — just when the big union wage claims are coming up. No real improvement is expected in the inflation trend before the closing months of the year.

It may be, therefore, that the EEC's scheme for more coordinated intervention to stabilize exchange markets is starting at a time when the dollar is about to undergo another testing period — in which case it will also be a testing period for the EMS.

Even if the markets remain calm, the U.S. inflation trend is going to heighten attention paid to the Federal deficit.

This brings us to another aspect of the gradual decline in U.S. economic hegemony. The financial implications of such moves as the extra defense commitments now being offered by President Carter in the Middle East are that either something has to give elsewhere in his budget, or the Americans will want a larger share of financial support from the EEC and Japan. Thus traditional critics of U.S. dollar supremacy will be getting their come-uppance: a call to share the burden of footing the bill. (OFNS)

(years.) Calder thought it might be interesting if we went to Berlin together, and he told me of an inexpensive pension where we could stay. We agreed, then, to take the night train to Berlin, about two weeks before the opening of our shows.

I shipped my paintings well ahead of time, to be sure that they would be at the gallery in advance of my arrival. I showed up at the station the night of our departure to find Calder already there. Over his arm he was carrying a large coil of brass wire. When I asked him what it was for, he informed me that this would be his exhibition. "I have plenty of time," he said. "My show doesn't open for two weeks, so I'll be able to do all the pieces before then." Since my own exhibition represented about two years of work, I could only envy him in silence.

Around midnight, the train stopped at the border for German customs inspection. A uniformed officer entered our compartment, and asked if we had anything to declare. We told him that we had nothing subject to duty, and opened our suitcases for inspection. Just as the customs official

was about to leave, he saw the coil of brass wire on the floor, in the corner. "To whom does this belong?" he asked. Calder said it was his, whereupon the official reached in his pocket, removed a book and rifled its pages. "Radio wire," he snapped. "Forty per cent duty." Mustering up his few words of German, Calder politely explained that he was not a radio technician, but a sculptor, that the wire was art material and therefore not subject to duty.

The official looked bewildered. In the late 1920s, sculpture, to the average German, meant something massive, in stone or bronze, in a public park or on a building. Obviously, this American who spoke such halting German had not understood him. Again the man pointed to the wire. Again he waved his book and said: "Wire — radio — 40 per cent duty." Calder repeated that he was a sculptor, that he was going to Berlin to have an exhibition. Silence, followed by a third demand from the official and a third attempted explanation from Calder.

The atmosphere became tense. My own inadequate knowledge of German was of no help. Finally, in desperation, Calder reached into his jacket pocket, took out a pair of wirecutters snipped off a length of wire, and without a word began a performance that the official watched incredulously. Calder twisted the wire, turned it, bent it, and slowly there emerged first a stem, then some leaves, finally a complete daisy, petals and all. Then, with a smile and a slight bow, he extended the flower to the official, who, bug-eyed now, took it with thumb and forefinger. "Aber das ist doch fabelhaft!" (but that's amazing), he said, and slowly backed out of the compartment, bidding us goodnight and a good trip.

Berlin was full of surprises.

Paris, where I had been living for three years, seemed in contrast to be an almost provincial "straight" town, and only years later, reading Christopher Isherwood and seeing "Cabaret," did I see its quality portrayed.

Calder's little pension was filled almost entirely with middle-aged men with scarred cheeks, à la Heidelberg, and their dour and quiet wives. My show was officially opened by the American ambassador, to the delight of Herr Margules. After five weeks, I returned to America, pleased with my youthful debut in two European capitals. (LAT)

Ibrahim Yazdi: Scientist and ideologue

By Nicholas Christ

Houston —

Ibrahim Yazdi, deputy prime minister of Iran's revolutionary government and often the "voice" of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, is an American citizen with a wife and six children living in Houston.

The handsome, smartly dressed Yazdi, a pharmacologist, first became publicly identified with Khomeini last fall when the religious leader, in exile in Paris, was directing the struggle that eventually drove the Shah from Iran.

Yazdi, 47, was Khomeini's spokesman in Paris and now is head of revolutionary affairs for the Iranian government. Considered a strong ideologue, he appears to be the liaison man between Khomeini and Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan.

Yazdi and his wife moved to the United States in 1961, and she and their children, ranging in ages from 2 to 6, have lived here in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood called Meyerland the past eight years, Mrs. Yazdi said in a telephone interview.

"My husband and I have many Jewish friends, but I think he is against Zionism," she said. The Bazargan government has embraced the Palestine Liberation Organization and refused to resume oil exports to Israel.

A State Department official declined comment on Yazdi's dual role as a U.S. citizen and official of a foreign power, referring questions to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice suggested that the immigration and naturalization service might have the answer.

Vern Jarvis, an INS spokesman, stated that "the following act is considered highly persuasive evidence of an intention to relinquish citizenship, and will normally result in expatriation: Service in an important political post of a foreign government. Such an act is highly persuasive of an intention to abandon allegiance."

He said the government could start proceedings leading to Yazdi losing his citizenship.

Yazdi's wife confirmed that both she and her husband had U.S. citizenship but added, "I do not like to talk about it. It is a personal matter."

The Houston district office of the INS confirmed that Yazdi became a naturalized citizen in Houston in 1971.

Yazdi was born in Iran Sept. 26, 1931, in the small town of Qazvin.

He and his wife arrived in the United States in 1961, where Yazdi first studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He already had a doctorate from the University of Tehran. They later moved to Houston where he was a cancer researcher at the Baylor University School of Medicine until 1970 when he joined the staff of the Veterans' Administration Hospital here as a supervisory microbiologist. He left that post in July, 1977.

His superior, a Dr. Ferenc Gyurkey, described Yazdi as a "fine scientist" and said he left for other work. He said Yazdi was now in politics and he could not comment further.

Yazdi had been head of the Islamic Society of Greater Houston for some time, but his movements from the time he left the VA hospital were not clear. A source at the hospital said Yazdi spent some time in Washington where he attempted to become an unofficial representative for the Ayatollah.

Mrs. Yazdi said her husband visited Khomeini when the religious leader lived in exile in Iraq. She said he brought him a long list of questions from Muslims in the United States asking how they should deal with such things as foods and banking interest rates. The two men became close friends, she said, and Yazdi moved to France with Khomeini when he left Iraq, later returning to Iran with him.

"He calls when he gets time," Mrs. Yazdi said. "He is tired sometimes but he is a very cheerful man. But he gets mad when the American press twists events there."

While in Houston, she said, her husband often counseled Iranian students advising them on financial affairs and helping them with English and instructing them in religion.

She said her husband was a sincere religious person. Asked if Yazdi had taken part in any of the numerous Iranian student demonstrations in Houston or elsewhere, Mrs. Yazdi said he had not, with one exception. That was the student demonstration in Washington in November, 1977, during a visit by the Shah. Dozens of demonstrators and police clashed and were injured. Photographs of the Shah and President Carter wiping tear gas from their eyes underscored to many Americans the presence of the Iranian students as never before.

Asked if her conversations with her husband had given her any indication of how things might eventually be settled in Iran, she replied: "Only in one way, that's God's way. (LAT)"

'A present from firms like us'

By Martin Wainwright

there to the borders and the masons' firm in Creetown, Dumfries and Galloway, who shaped it into a squared and faced block, take a similar view. Both say that they have not been paid and refer to the bicentennial present with a shudder.

The arrangements for the present were made between the Foreign Office and Osman after a committee under Lord Lothian had debated what the Americans should get. Osman was eventually paid 90,000 pounds and given a further payment of 10,000 pounds ex gratia who difficulties over meeting bills arose.

He said recently that he had told the Foreign Office that the work would cost 125,000 pounds. "There were plum faces and they explained that there was only 90,000 pounds left in the kitty," he said.

He agreed to do the work for the cheaper fee, in spite of technical problems in designing such a one-off project, unforeseeable changes in the price of gold and the deadline of only about a year if the Americans were going to get their present in time.

Further difficulties arose, he said, who changes were made in arrangements for delivering the gift and when an erroneous report that 250,000 pounds had been set aside for it were published. Osman could not remember where the report had appeared but he said it led to some sub-contractors believing that he was lying when he appealed to them to be as economical as possible in their work.

The company, Waterhouse Denbigh, made a York stone plinth for the pugmata and charter, but says that the bill of about 6,600 pound sterling has never been paid.

"This present was meant to be from all the people of Britain," said one of the directors. "But it's turning out to be a present from firms like us."

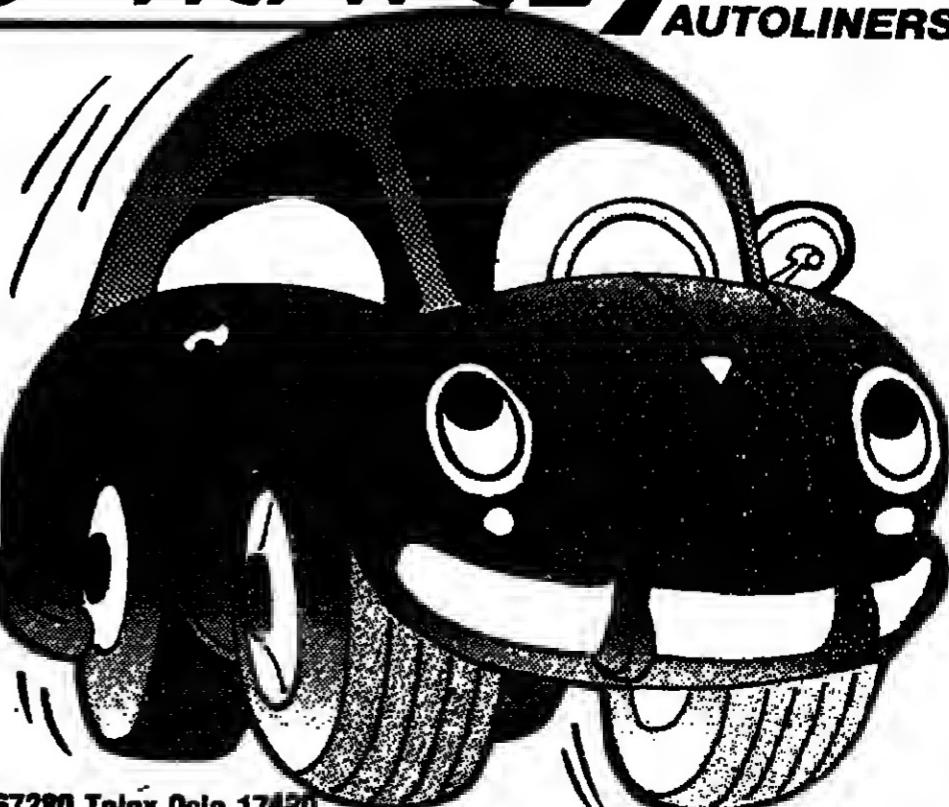
The builders in Ulster who moved the pugmata from a beach

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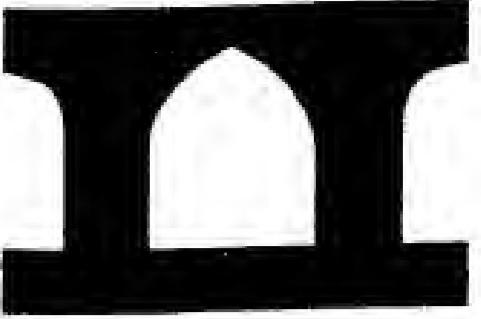


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THE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK

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BALANCE SHEET as at 30th Zul Hijjah 1398 (30th Nov. 1978)

Capital & Liabilities

Year 1397	S.Rls.		S.Rls.		S.Rls.	
30,225,133		Capital	30,225,133		782,758,593	
32,774,867		Reserves	32,774,867		4348,432,985	
337,000,000		Statutory Reserve	557,000,000		3156,619,430	
46,095,605		Other Revenue Reserves	46,095,605		667,747,614	
31,877,142		Surplus on Revaluation of Properties	31,877,142		8287,811,008	
447,747,614		Surplus on Revaluation of Investments				
477,972,747						
11049,112,511		Total Capital & Reserves	697,972,747		111,366,518	
5,815,436		Deposits	14612,477,136		2117,197,827	
1331,955,244		1. Customers Deposits (Note: cover total Current, Time and Saving Deposits)			2228,564,345	
		2. Deposits from Banks:				
		a) In Saudi Arabia	42,402,827			
		b) Abroad	2576,103,158			
		3. Sundry Deposits (Note: Include margins for Letter of Credit, Guarantees, Drafts & other Transfers)			165,310,085	
1589,528,684			1920,586,316		310,463,363	
13976,411,875					475,773,448	
365,760,604						
365,760,604						
13,956,598		Profit & Loss Account				
244,636,783		Balance brought forward from last year	8,593,382			
258,593,381		Add: Net Profit for the year 1398 after Transfer to Reserve	80,596,883		205,326,144	
104,002,565					27,322,451	
195,804,714						
299,807,279					232,648,595	
15378,545,886		Other Liabilities				
10922,157,593		1. Acceptances Outstanding on behalf of Customers	164,897,314		104,002,565	
26300,703,479		2. Other Liabilities	891,160,572		207,252,061	
					311,254,626	
					15378,545,886	
		Sub - Total	20994,790,335			
		Contra Accounts				
		Guarantees, Letters of Credit and other Obligations	12453,355,899			
		Grand Total	33448,146,234			
					26300,703,479	

Property & Assets

	S.Rls.	S.Rls.
Cash Funds		
1. Cash in Hand	1111,385,019	
2. Statutory Deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	8028,157,383	
3. Other Deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	1791,248,406	
		10930,790,808
Deposits with Banks		
1. In Saudi Arabia	308,712,066	
2. Abroad	2813,506,101	
		3122,218,167
Investments (Not exceeding lowest of cost or market value)		
1. Shares & Securities of Establishments:		
a) In Saudi Arabia	169,524,301	
b) Abroad	389,377,522	
2. Other Investments		
		558,901,823
Loans, Advances ... Etc. (Less Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts)		
1. To:		
a) Private Sector	4517,744,923	
b) Banks	511,390,426	
c) Others	414,957,258	
2. Bills Purchased & Discounted		232,626,389
		5676,718,996
Fixed Assets		
1. Bank Premises & other Real Estate (at cost or revaluation)	315,634,755	
2. Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (Less Depreciation)	35,832,711	
		351,467,466
Other Assets		
1. Customers Liabilities for Outstanding Acceptances	164,897,314	
2. Other Assets	189,795,761	
		354,693,075
Sub - Total		20994,790,335
Contra Accounts		
Customers Liabilities under Guarantees, Letters of Credit & other Obligations		
		12453,355,899
Grand total		33448,146,234

Auditors Report

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the annexed Profit & Loss Account with the books and documents relating thereto of the Head Office and Branches of the NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK (PARTNERSHIP COMPANY) visited by us, and with the returns submitted by the managers of the other Branches, and certify to be in accordance therewith.

We have obtained the information and explanations which we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit.

In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account present fairly the financial position of the National Commercial Bank at 30th Zul Hijjah, 1398 (30th November, 1978) and the profit for the year

ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and as shown by the books.

Issa El-Ayouty & Co., Accountants & Auditors
Ismail A. El Habbak, Accountant & Auditor
Jeddah: 4th Rabi-U-Thani, 1399 2nd March, 1979

Expenses

Year 1397	S.Rls.		S.Rls.	
90,532,450		Salaries and other staff expenses	129,711,755	
81,903,910		Directors Fees, Remunerations, etc	140,486,143	
		Service Charges		
		Provisions for Depreciation ...etc.		
3,672,831		a) Depreciation on Building, Furniture etc.	11,856,693	
23,500,000		b) Other Provisions	115,050	
27,172,831			558,315,980	
36,097,259		Other Expenses	51,148,510	
322,609,530		Net profit for the year	50,153,299	
		Of which:	300,596,883	
		a) Transfer to Reserve	220,000,000	
		b) Balance carried to Balance Sheet	50,596,883	
558,315,980			672,096,590	

Income

Year 1397	S.Rls.	S.Rls.
Net Income from Foreign Exchange Transactions and other Services	658,709,636	
Net Income from Investments and Real Estate	13,386,954	
Profit on Sales of Real Estate		
Total Income		672,096,590
		672,096,590

League Cup final

Forest puts down Southampton, 3-2

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — Two goals from Gary Birles and another from Tony Woodcock enabled Nottingham Forest to defeat Southampton, 3-2, at Wembley Saturday and retain the English League cup.

Southampton set the 100,000 crowd alight when David Peach netted after 15 minutes, but Forest hit back in champion style with goals from Birles (50 and 77 minutes) and Woodcock (83). Nick Holmes netted a consolation goal for courageous Southampton three minutes from full time. The League program was wrecked by icy weather and only 14 English League matches took place.

The top three clubs in the First Division were inactive, but fourth-placed Arsenal failed to benefit. The London club lost, 2-0, at Ipswich — a sad homecoming for expensive midfield player Brian Talbot.

John Wark gave Ipswich a first-half lead and Graham Rix scored a second-half own goal. Before the match fighting fans

spilled onto the pitch and 27 arrests were made.

Chester moved closer to relegation when beaten 3-1 at home to West London neighbor Queen's Park Rangers. Paul Goddard, Glenn Roeder and Martyn Busby scored for 'Rangers, with a Don Shanks own goal providing Chester's only score.

Frank Worthington scored his 17th goal of the season as Bolton drew, 2-2, at Coventry, while Bristol City ended a five-match losing run by drawing, 1-1, with Mid-

dersbrough.

Two players were sent off and five booked in the Second Division promotion match between Brighton and Sheffield United at the Goldstone Ground. Mark Lawrence and Gerry Ryan scored second-half goals that gave Brighton a 2-0 victory.

In Scotland, Dundee United maintained its bid for the Premier Division title with a useful 2-0 win at Aberdeen, but Rangers remained only three points away after beating Partick Thistle by the same margin.

British football results

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — Results of English and Scots soccer matches played Saturday afternoon:

English League Cup Final

Forest	3	Southampton	2
English League			
Division One			
Bristol C.	1	Middlesbrou'	1
Chelsea	1	QPR	3
Coventry	2	Bohun	2
Ipswich	2	Arsenal	0
Tottenham	0	Norwich	0

Favored Oxford captures Boat Race for 4th year

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — Oxford defeated Cambridge by 3 1-2 lengths Saturday to win the 150th anniversary University Boat race.

Oxford — strong pre-race favorite — equalled its record of four successive victories.

The race, over 4 1-2 miles of the Thames between Putney and Mortlake, was first raced in 1829 and Cambridge has won 68 of the 125 clashes to Oxford's 56.

Oxford made a rousing start to this annual rowing event for the two eights, and led by a length after one minute.

Oxford increased this lead throughout the race and Cambridge — hit by the withdrawal of stroke John Woodhouse shortly before the race — seldom looked like overtaking the winner.

Oxford's time was 20 minutes 32 seconds, 12 seconds faster than Cambridge, but a slow time for the ideal wind and water conditions.

Argentines go ahead

American pair clinches Davis Cup playoff

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 18 (AP) — The powerful U.S. Davis Cup doubles team of Peter Fleming and John McEnroe defeated Colombia's Ivan Molina and Orlando Agudelo, 6-4, 6-0, 6-4 Saturday to clinch the North American Zone finals for the United States.

The doubles victory came on top of Friday's singles sweep by McEnroe and Dick Stockton to give the U.S. Davis Cuppers 3-0 edge in the best-of-five series. The meet concludes Sunday with two singles matches.

At the same time in Buenos Aires, Guillermo Vilas and Jose Luis Clerc scored a 6-2, 6-2, 8-6 doubles victory Saturday to give Argentina a 2-1 lead over Chile in

American wins skating crown

4th PLACE : Charles Tickner, the highest U.S. finisher for the men's title this week

VIENNA, March 18 (AP) — Linda Fratianne of the United States regained the world women's figure skating title Saturday night, edging Anett Poetsch of West Germany, the defending champion into second place.

Chileanized its top two players, Jaime Filoli and Hans Gildemeister, for those matches.

And in the European Zone, Austria, Spain and Italy from Section "A" and Switzerland and Romania from Section "B" secured quarter-final berths Saturday. The three victorious sides from Section "A" all built up

winning 3-0 leads by taking the doubles matches in their ties Saturday. Manuel Orantes and Jose Higueras secured the Spanish triumph, over a disappointing Soviet Union duo of Alexander Metreveli and Vadim Borisov with a convincing win 7-5, 6-2, 6-0.

Italy and Austria were only slightly less impressive in taking their doubles matches over Denmark and Egypt respectively.

In the other Section "A" tie, Poland moved 2-1 up on Denmark in Olsztyn, Poland when Wojciech Fibak and Tadeusz Nowicki clubbed Leo Palin and George Berner, 6-3, 6-3, 6-0.

Ilie Nastase spearheaded Romania to victory by combining with Gavril Marcu for a 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, triumph over Bernard Boileau and Patrick Hombergen of Belgium, while Switzerland won the last two singles to defeat Yugoslavia, 4-1.

Holland leads France, 2-1, and West Germany leads Israel, 2-1, in the other ties.

Tapie takes 1-stroke lead into final round at Doral

MIAMI, March 18 (AP) — Alan Tapie, seeking his first victory in five years of pro golf tour activity, birdied his first three holes, shot a 69 and moved into a one-stroke lead Saturday in the third round of the \$ 250,000 Doral-Eastern Open.

Tapie preserved his lead with some brilliant pressure-putting. He dropped at least three critical puts in the testing five to six foot range to save par. Two of them came on the last two holes.

He finished the windy day with a 266 total, 10 shots under par on the 7,065-yard Big Blue Monster Course at the Doral Country Club.

Rookie Mark McCumber also saved par on the tough 18th, with a 12 to 15 foot putt, to finish off a 69 that left him alone in second at 207.

And in women's golf, Pat Bradley staggered to a one-over-par 73 Saturday but held a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the \$ 150,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament at the Rancho Bernardo Inn and Country Club in San Diego.

Indiana in semis

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP) — The Indiana State Sycamores, undefeated and No. 1 won the NCAA Midwest regional basketball championship Saturday outlasting fifth-ranked Arkansas, 73-71, at Cincinnati and gained a berth in the national semifinals against DePaul next Saturday at Salt Lake City. No. 6 DePaul won the West regional title with a 95-91 upset over second-rated UCLA at Provo, Utah.



FRENCH PACK : Scrumhalf Jerome Gallion moves out the ball as Yves Malquier, Gerard Cholley, Jean-Luc Joinel and Robert Pa

pamborde of the French pack lock on during training for Saturday's game with Scotland.

Wales crushes England, wins Triple Crown

moving clearly out along the third-quarter line.

The French team had most of the play in the first half, with center three-quarter Christian Belzean touching down the first try.

Winger Keith Roberson leveled the score for Scotland in the 18th minute, but France's Roger Aguirre made it 10-4 with a penalty and a drop goal.

But Scotland fought doggedly and pulled up to make the half-time score 10-10 when Gordon Dickson scored a try and full-back Andy Irvine converted.

Only minutes into the second half, Irvine gave Scotland the lead

it, 17-14.

Malquier then snatched the lead back for France with a try to make it 18-17 and Aguirre assured France of victory with a stupendous penalty in the 77th minute from the half-way line to end the struggle, 21-17.

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	4	3	0	1	83	51	6
France	4	2	1	1	50	46	5
Ireland	4	1	2	1	53	51	4
England	4	1	1	2	24	52	3
Scotland	4	0	2	2	48	58	2

Australian XIs stage magnificent recoveries

South side lays solid foundation

ADELAIDE, March 18 (AP) — South Australia, faced with the possibility of chasing a huge Pakistan first innings total at the close of play Saturday night, staged a great recovery at the Adelaide Oval here Sunday.

After the first day's play, Pakistan was 327 for four and a total of close to 500 looked a distinct possibility, but the South Australian attack bundled out the last Pakistanis for only 37 runs today.

At the close Sunday night, South Australia had laid a solid foundation for a large first innings total at 206 for four, after fine innings from openers John Nash and Rick Darling.

The South Australians were aided by the absence of two frontline bowlers. Captain Mushtaq Mohammad left the field with a damaged finger and Anwar Khan was injured while white battening.

The Pakistanis resumed with Hanan Rashid and Mujid Khan looking set to score quickly on a perfect batting wicket, but the pair — and Mushtaq — were out in the space of 19 minutes for the addition of only four.

It took South Australia only 74 minutes to wrap up the Pakistan innings for 384.

South Australia openers, Nash and Darling, started in fine style and by lunch had taken 40 off only seven overs.

The 50 came in even time soon after the resumption and it appeared likely South Australia was to its first century opening partnership for the season.

But, Darling took a heavy blow in the groin from medium fast Mudassar Mazer and was forced to retire hurt on 27.

Nash continued to attack, despite the temporary loss of Darling and reached 59 before playing his first false shot.

Nash failed to time a lofted drive as he would have liked and was caught by Javed Miandad at long-on from the bowling of Iqbal Qasim.

Sikander Bakht, Mudassar and Iqbal were the only three bowlers used and they toiled valiantly to stem the scoring.

Packer Aussies skittle W. Indies

PORTE-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, March 18 (AP) — Bowlers gave Australia the upper hand on the rain-shortened second day of the third World series Cricket Super-test against the West Indies Saturday, salvaging in the team's fortunes after a disastrous start to the match on opening day.

The Australians, totalling 125 for five before lunch Friday, eventually reached 246 in their first innings. Then, assisted by an unpredictable pitch, their bowlers took 10 wickets.

An eighth-wicket partnership of 95 between openers Bruce Land and fast bowler Dennis Lillee started the previous attack that ended after 500 minutes plus Saturday, was crucial to the Australian cause. Land, who stood between the West Indies and a complete breakthrough, carried his overnight 140 and cut to 122 before he lost his off stump to leg bowler Andy Roberts.

His disciplined performance lasted six hours 25 minutes and included 15 fours, blemished only by a chance when he was 12.

Land followed him back to the pavilion two runs later, caught off fast bowler Clive Croft. His huge six over square leg, fast bowler Michael Holding, the day's highest hit, 111, finished with a final flourish, five for 43 and bowlers took 14 for 39.

Ski races put off

FURANO, Japan, March 18 (AP) — Officials here postponed until Monday two giant Slalom Races for the World Cup championship because of bad snow conditions.

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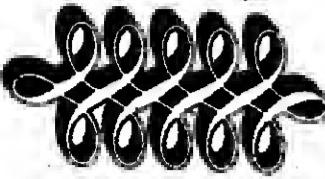
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France ... 6,725-6,735 CAN ... 15.17-15.19

Germany ... 1,722-1,722 DLR ... 1,045-1,045

Italy ... 1722.50-1722.50 LIT ... 845.20-845.50

Holland ... 4,900-4,1000 DFL ... 2,097.50-2,098.00

Switzerland ... 3,428-3,797 SFR ... 1,670.00-1,680.00

Spain ... 3,275-3,295 DOK ... 1,080.00-1,080.00

Norway ... 10,390-10,400 NOK ... 5,192.00-5,192.00

Austria ... 10,560-10,575 NRR ... 5,100.00-5,101.00

Iceland ... 27.35-27.35 PORT ... 47.00-48.00

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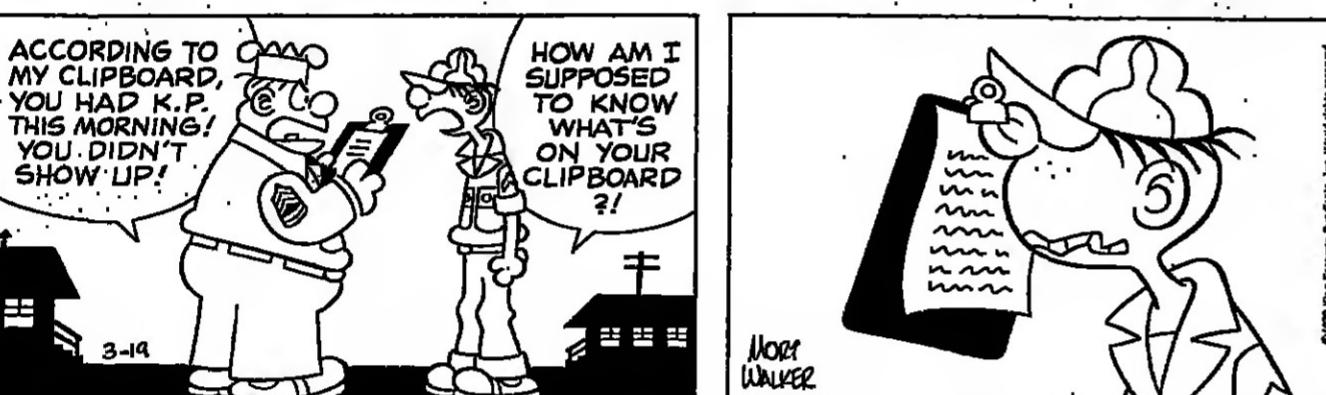
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clubs doubled — due to poor bidding, of course — and won down four — 700 points. At this stage, Switzerland seemed destined to lose probably 10 points, since the most the East-West could normally score with their cards was a game worth 100 points. However, things didn't go as expected at the second table, where the German North-South pair fired even worse than the Swiss North-South pair. The events at this table were vividly described by Dutch writer Herman Hertzberg as follows:

"After three passes, the West (Benes) opened one heart. North (Platzenbichler) overcalled two clubs, which was doubled by East (Reichenbach). South (Dr. Oster) thought there might be a better contract, so he bid two diamonds. Bene passed, and West was so content with this new suit that he made a further move: three diamonds. Reichenbach thought this contract could not be made either, and doubled again.

"Everyone passed, and after West led the diamond ace and dummy was exposed, the time was ripe for Dr. Oster to say how very content he was with this dummy. He exclaimed loudly: 'Thank you, partner!'

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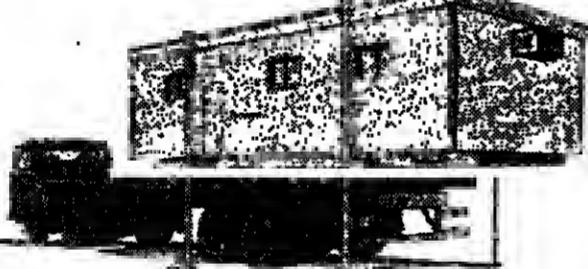
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Hanoi says it is prepared to hold talks with Peking

BANGKOK, March 18 (AP) — Vietnam Sunday accused China of being the "direct and dangerous enemy" of all Indochina, but the propaganda blast followed an announcement that Hanoi was ready for negotiations to settle a border dispute with China beginning Friday.

The official Communist Party newspaper "Nhan Dan" Sunday called Peking's leaders "professional bars" who claimed that their forces had withdrawn "while in fact they still maintain their troops in many areas on Vietnamese territory and close to the border ready for other acts of war against Vietnam."

It was unclear whether the statement meant that Vietnam was still accusing China of not having fully withdrawn its forces Sunday.

The Voice of Vietnam said Vietnam proposed Saturday to hold vice foreign ministerial talks in

Hanoi on March 23. Hanoi had earlier said that negotiations could take place one week after all Chinese troops had left Vietnamese soil.

Vietnam proposed the frontier town of Lang Son as an alternative site for the talks. Hanoi has claimed that the town was virtually levelled by Chinese troops during the four-week war which began Feb. 17.

The "Nhan Dan" commentary also rejected a proposal by five non-communist Southeast Asian countries that fighting end in Indochina and all troops withdraw from foreign soils as "not conforming to reality." In an apparent reference to Thailand, the newspaper warned that certain of these countries should not repeat past mistakes.

The Soviet Union, a close ally of Vietnam, Friday vetoed a Security Council draft resolution that called for all parties involved in

Indochina conflicts to cease hostilities and withdraw their forces from other countries.

The resolution, sponsored by the five countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), was directed at the Chinese invasion of Vietnam and the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia in December.

ASEAN includes Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines.

"Nhan Dan" said the ASEAN proposal only "adds to the slanders of the Peking reactionaries and their supporters."

"Nhan Dan" warned:

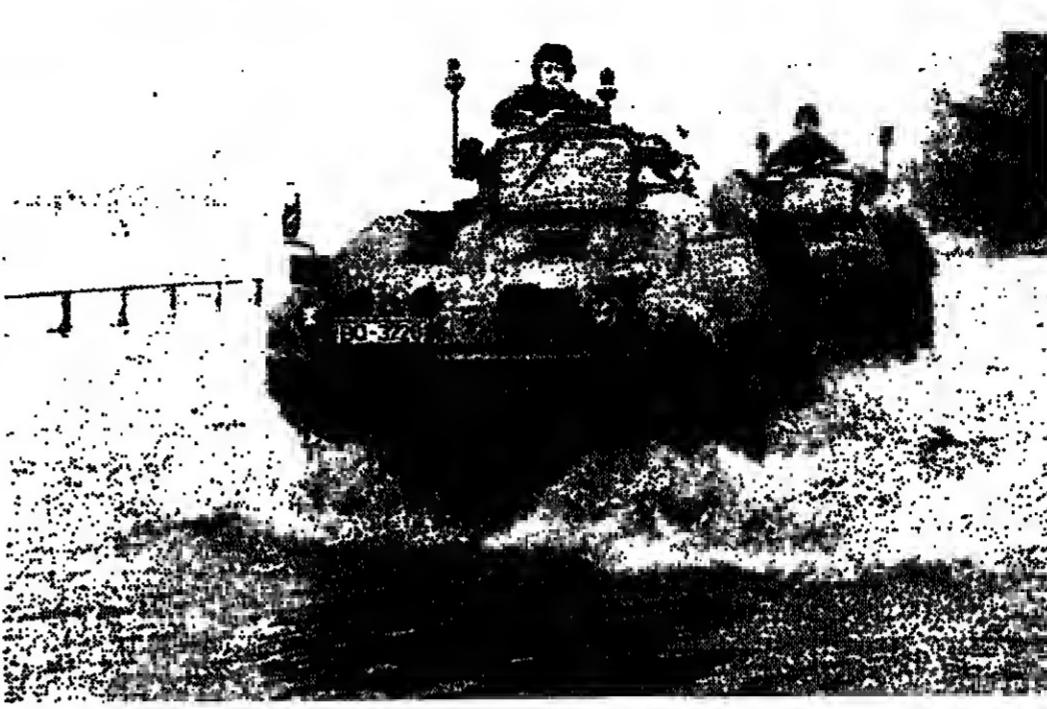
"It should be remembered that certain ASEAN countries supported the U.S. war of aggression in Indochina. We are prepared to forget this debt which was not little, and we want to look forward to the future."

"But these countries should not make another mistake. They should refrain from collaborating with the Chinese reactionaries and other imperialist forces against Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea (Cambodia)."

Thailand was a major base for the American war effort against Communist forces in Indochina.

"The cause of the serious situation in Indochina at present is China's big-nation expansionism and hegemonism," "Nhan Dan" said. "The Peking reactionaries have made themselves direct and dangerous enemies of the three Indochinese people."

The paper said the coalition of Tanzanian and Ugandan exile



WATCH ON THE RHINE : Two armored police cars patrol through high water from the swollen Rhine, guarding against terrorists in the government district of Bonn recently. (AP photo).

Tanzanian paper says

Biggest Uganda battle fought

DAR ES SALAAM, March 18 (AP) — Tanzania's government-owned newspaper "Sunday News" has added fresh evidence of a bitter battle last week at the Ugandan town of Lukaya, by all accounts of biggest clash of the 4½-month-old Uganda-Tanzania war.

The paper said the coalition of Tanzanian and Ugandan exile

troops had captured Lukaya, about 80 kilometers south of Kampala on the main road from the southwest to the Ugandan capital in a "fierce, three-day battle."

It said 2,000 Ugandan troops fought at the town. Other reports said they were backed by Libyans and Palestinians. Tanzanian-exile strength has been put at up to

7,000 men.

Quoting informed sources, the paper said two of Uganda's battalions were "almost totally annihilated" and two top army commanders were killed. It said the "anti-Amin forces" "captured a lot of arms supplied to Amin recently," an evident reference to the Libyan shipments reported earlier this month.

The "News" said the Tanzanian and Ugandan exiles were consolidating their position at Lukaya.

The paper gave no estimate of casualties in the battle for the town.

On Saturday, Uganda radio reported that nearly 1,000 Tanzanian and Ugandan invaders were slain and tanks and heavy artillery captured.

Ugandan exiles in Nairobi claimed last week that "bundles" of Ugandans, Libyans and Palestinians were killed.

There was no way to verify the casualty figures, and the various reports reaching Nairobi or Dar es Salaam also conflicted on the duration, location and scope of the Lukaya clash.

But by all accounts the battle was the biggest and the casualties were the highest to date in the conflict.

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Good Morning
The Family Pet, Part

By Jihad Al-Khazen

When I wrote sometime ago the story of our black cat who had to leave behind in Jeddah and the after ego we bought a little daughter in London, I received many letters from readers in Riyadh who thought that I had exaggerated the facts.

However I can assure my readers that everything I said was truly true, especially with regard to the pedigree—the family

of the trophies of the cat and its relatives, the diet and even the

What I wrote was only a fragment of the story.

After I brought the cat home, I was visited by the lady who has it to me. She made a big fuss because she found that I had purchased a suitable bed for the pet, only conventional straw with a pillow in it, and that I did not follow the precepts scrupulously. She reprimanded me and promised that she would be back soon.

I carried out her instructions minutely like a soldier on the e-military parade, hoping that the next time she comes, she will have a single complaint.

She did. The next time she showed up, she went mad because cat had taken ill and no one had taken it to a vet.

"And how do you know that it is ill?" I asked.

"Because of its nose. Can't you see?" was said.

She was dismayed at the depths of my ignorance.

I tried to persuade her that I could sustain a 24-hour dialogue on the Middle East and the Palestinian problem; but she gave a damn about politics. The essential thing for her was

she should know how to deal with cats.

I took the cat to the vet and he gave it antibiotics, exact

human beings.

At the next inspection visit, I tried to persuade her that something should be done to prevent this cat from tearing my curtain furniture, since English cats cannot be thrown in the streets, tested that its claws be removed. She protested that would be the cat of a natural right, that of self-defense.

But when I insisted, she finally said that she knew a quid doctor who could carry out the operation for £65. According to calculation, this amounted to 350 Lebanese Liras, a very high a Lebanon for a human, I protested and she left, the house com

furiously.

The cat story would need whole volumes. So, to be brief, she back to ask that I find a suitable bride for the cat. I said that it do that for itself. Again she talked about cruelty and injuries finally had the cat altered.

When I calculated the amount I spent on the pet in one including food, treatment, surgery etc., I discovered that it cost more than what I myself had cost my family during my second certificate in Lebanon 1960.

But, of course, I wasn't a knight or a lord.

Translated from "Ashraq Al-Awsat".

Prince of Wales lands marlin just under record

PERTH, Australia, March 18 Rottnest.

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Prince Charles landed the marlin in 35 minutes aboard the Panawonica, skippered by Garrick Agnew, who holds the blue marlin record. He had been out for more than four hours when the fish was hooked 20 kilometers west of



FIRST LADIES : Mme. Anne Aymone Giscard (right), the wife of the French president, is welcomed by Queen Sofia recently as she arrived in Madrid to attend ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the "Casa de Velazquez" cultural center. (AP photo).

Hungary chief in Kuwait said to want total peace

KUWAIT, March 18 (AP) — Hungarian Prime Minister Gyorgyi Lazar conferred with Kuwait Ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and the crown prince and prime minister, Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, Sunday, on the second day of his three-day visit.

Kuwaiti sources said Lazar reiterated his public support for a

comprehensive Middle East settlement that would safeguard the rights of the Palestinian people to their state.

Lazar added that such a settlement should be worked out during a Geneva-style conference, to be attended by all the interested parties, including the Palestinians, the United States and the Soviet Union.

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